

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency
Washington DC 20250

Notice ECP-71

For: State and County Offices

Returning ECP and EFRP Funds

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

According to 1-ECP and 1-EFRP, as applicable:

- subparagraph 1 A, ECP rehabilitates farmlands and conservation facilities damaged by natural disasters, and provides assistance during periods of severe drought and EFRP carries out emergency measures to restore NIPF damaged by natural disasters
- subparagraph 1 C, ECP assistance is limited to producers who have suffered damage of such magnitude that it would be too costly to rehabilitate without Federal assistance
- subparagraph 67 B, ECP and EFRP funds **shall be returned** to CEPD as soon as it is determined that funds are no longer needed for the disaster in which funds were originally allocated
- subparagraph 152 A, signup periods for ECP or EFRP benefits may be no longer than **60 calendar days** unless approved by the National Office
- subparagraph 182 A, requires establishing realistic expiration dates for completing approved practices of no more than **6 months** for ECP, and **2 years** for EFRP
- subparagraph 184 A, FSA-848A shall be canceled when performance report is not filed by the expiration date.

Note: There is an extensive demand on limited ECP and EFRP funds because of tornadoes, persistent severe drought conditions, floods, wildfires, and other disasters.

B Purpose

This notice requires State Offices to immediately:

- perform a review of all ECP and EFRP ledgers
- return all unneeded, unused, slipped, and deobligated funds to the National Office.

Disposal Date	Distribution
January 1, 2015	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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2 State Office Action

A Reviewing All ECP and EFRP Ledgers With County Offices

State Offices shall:

- review all ECP and EFRP ledger balances in the Conservation Funds Ledger System (CFLS) for all Disaster ID's with County Offices and Electronic Funds Management System (EFMS) for all budget fiscal years as applicable

Note: Access the Lifetime Balance Summary Report in CFLS.

- identify and report any available balances that may be returned to the National Office for reallocation to pending ECP and EFRP disaster requests
- adjust the applicable county allocations in CFLS and EFMS by subtracting the applicable allocation amounts.

Note: Reducing the county allocation amount allows those funds to become available to the State reserve. Funds released from the county reserve to the State reserve can be claimed by the National Office.

B Reporting Review Results

State Offices shall report the necessary information on Exhibit 1 in the provided format by **COB September 5, 2014**, as follows:

- go to <https://fsa.sc.egov.usda.gov/states/cepd/FinancialLedgers/default.aspx>
- scroll down to "Funds Return Forms" on the right and CLICK "**ECP-EFRP Funds Return Form 2014**"
- after the report in Exhibit 1 is completed, CLICK "**Submit**" and the form will be prompted for e-mail to Greg Edwards.

2 State Office Action (Continued)

B Reporting Review Results (Continued)

A negative report is required. If a State Office has recently returned funds to the National Office, indicate the date the funds return notification was made and submit a negative report.

C Contact Information

If there are questions about this notice:

- County Offices shall contact the State Office
- State Offices shall contact either of the following:
 - Martin Bomar by either of the following:
 - e-mail to **martin.bomar@wdc.usda.gov**
 - telephone at 202-205-4537
 - Greg Edwards by either of the following:
 - e-mail to **greg.edwards@wdc.usda.gov**
 - telephone at 202-720-5784.

State Office Reporting Format

The following is an example of the format to be completed and submitted by States Offices by COB, **September 5, 2014**, at <https://fsa.sc.egov.usda.gov/states/cepd/FinancialLedgers/default.aspx>.

Note: A negative report is **required**.

ECP / EFRP Report of Returned Funds	
1 State Office: _____	
2 Total amount of ECP funds to be returned to the National Office: _____	
3 Total amount of EFRP funds to be returned to the National Office: _____	
ECP or EFRP Accounts	
Specify PAC: (4040, 4050, 4053 for ECP C/S) (4600, 4051, 4055 for ECP TA) (3340, 3344, 3347 for EFRP C/S)	Amount Returned
Disaster ID _____ PAC _____	
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Submitted by: _____, SED Date: _____	